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#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Oklahoma's Wyandotte tribe celebrates its heritage with its annual pow PERIODICAT G



AFTER COLLEGE

### Help Wanted

This list contains the traits employers look for most.

Oral Communication Skills

2 Interpersonal Skills

Analytical Skills

Teamwork

5 Flexibility

Source: Job Outlook 97

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TUDENT LIFE BEAT

### Employers want more than high GPA

BY AILEEN GRONEWOLD ASSOCIATE EDITOR

tudents looking for an edge in today's competitive job. market have much more to worry about than their grade-point averages.

Though a high GPA still carries some weight, employers increasingly seek skills associated with work styles.

The corporate trend toward teamwork has created changes in the interview room. In addition to technical skills and scholastic achievement, employers pay greater attention to extra-curricular activities that give hints about how an applicant interacts with others.

"We basically look for well-rounded students," said Duane Williams, stall vice president of financial accounting for Leggett and Platt. "We require a GPA of at least 3.0. but we're looking for people who demonstrate leadership qualities through their involvement in oncampus organizations or civic groups."

Williams said he also looks for indications of drive and initiative, such as might be indicated by students who pay their own way through college.

"Because Leggett and Platt is an international company, we also look at foreign language skills," he

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said. 'It isn't essential, but all things being equal, we would choose an applicant who had language skills over one who did not."

Jim Evans, district sales manager for Mutual of Omaha, also sees language skills as a plus.

"We currently don't place much importance on foreign language skills, but it definitely is a trend for the future," he said. "Right now a bilingual person would have a definite advantage in McDonald County."

Evans said attitude plays a key role is his hiring practices.

"We're looking for people who have an attitude of what they can bring to the table rather than what

the company can do for them," he said. Our single biggest requirement is that the person be willing le commit to a long-term relationship, not only with the company, but with the clients. That's what our client base wants."

Evans also looks for people who present themselves in a professional manner.

That includes a lot more than appearance," he said. "We see a lot of nice-looking candidates who have terrible language skills."

Those interpersonal skills also rank high in the retail business. For Thomas Pierce, assistant manager of "The Finish Line," people skills are essential.

"Our No. 1 requirement is that a candidate be a people person," he said. "We look for enthusiastic, sports-minded people."

While retail experience and course work in business or marketing are helpful, Pierce said they are not required, even for managerial positions.

"We are a pretty open company," he said. "We're not looking for a certain GPA or a certain major."

Williams, Evans, and Pierce all conduct interviews at Missouri Southern. A complete list of upcoming campus interviews is available in the career services office, Room 207, Billingsly Student Center, El

### Final remnants of Cold War taken down



Karl Schmidt holds a ign from a fallout shelter. outhern no longer has any.

NHANCEMENT

BY AARON DESLATTE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ix years ago, millions watched the Cold War's finale in aston-

The Berlin Wall had fallen two years earlier, and Mikhail Gorbachev, caught in a wave of negative public sentiment, resigned as president of the former Soviet Union. These events were mainstays in the public eye. They were signs of the

This fall at Missouri Southern, several employees hope another sign will draw the focus of the public eye.

In August, several nuclear fallout shelter signs displayed on four Southern buildings were removed. To some, the signs posted in Young Gymnasium, Reynolds Hall,

Matthews Hall, and Hearnes Hall were the last remnants of a

time when the facts about nuclear war were scarcely known but the fear of it gripped the world.

Bob Beeler. director of the physical plant, rited both the

obsolescence and inaccuracies of the signs as means for their removal. from public display. "It was time to turn a page in histo-

ry," Beeler said, "Those of ma old enough to remember the layout if a bomb shelter know our buildings

were not equipped for that purpose." According in the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, the organization which prepared public readiness in the event of a nuclear war, to qualify as a nuclear fallout shelter a facility must be underground and have an

\*If our facilities ever did have those things, they don't now," Beeler said. Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant profes-

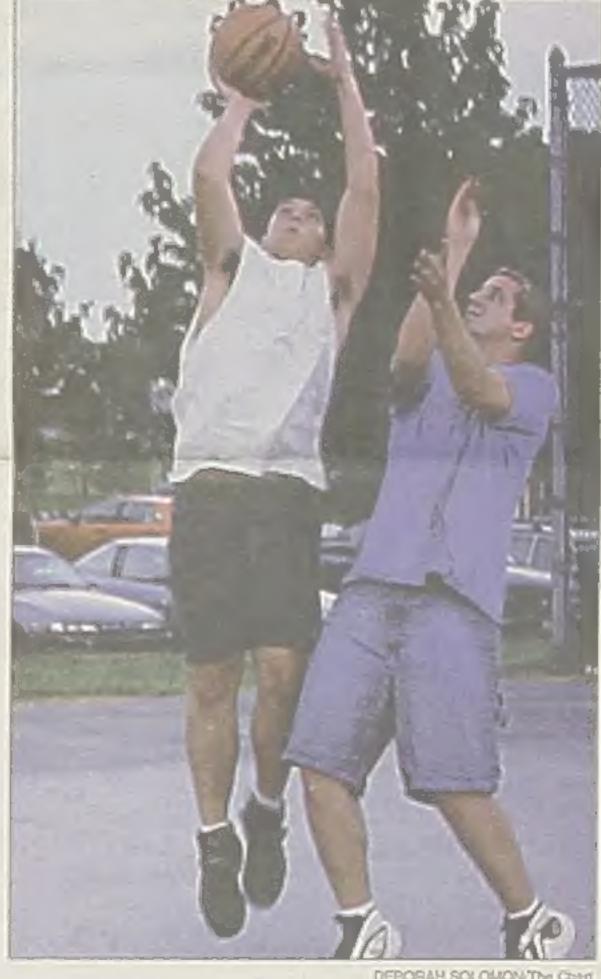
oxygen filtering system and food sup-

sor of history at Southern, believes most buildings designated as fallout shelters in the 1950s and 60s were not capable of providing adequate protection.

\*[Fallout sheiters] were just advertising designed to make people feel better about the whole situation."

Turn to SHELTERS, race 10

### TAKIN' IT TO THE HOLE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Count

in a friendly pick-up basketball game at the residence halls, Stephen Bishop, freshman undecided major (left), drives past Eric Wirzberg, freshman business major on his way to scoring two.

### College prepares for final year of mission funds

#### University of Missouri system enters first year of financ-

Y J.L GRIFFIN DITOR-IN-CHIEF

Then College President Julio Leon first approached the Missouri legislature V V about bringing an international mphasis to Missouri Southern, more than a ew eyebrows were raised.

Now, as Southern enters its third year of mision enhancement funding and starts lobbying or the final year, its international mission has sions every five years.

COLLEGE FINANCES

sprouted from a mere idea into a tangible creation. If funding is approved this year, it will likely add the final \$500,000 to the \$2.4 million requested to initiate the mission.

Southern, Missouri Western, and Southwest Missouri State University were the first to undergo the mission enhancement program-The program, introduced to the legislature in 1995 as Senate Bill 340, directs the CBHE to review all the two- and four-year institutions mis-

"It was a very short time frame," Leon said. While the CBHE had approved the notion of mission enhancement in October, the legislature was going to deal with it in January."

The idea for an international emphasis had been batted around the campus since 1990, but it was the mission enhancement program that brought it to builtion. However, it wasn't an easy

The same legislators who were very vocal about the program when it was first introduced

TURN TO MISSION, PAGE [1]

### Show us the money

Missouri Southern has requested \$8,399,906 in funds for capital improvements for fiscal year 1999.

Spiva Library - Additions \$6,507,440

Barn Theatre - Reconstruction \$170,000 Ummel Tech - Remodel ................\$455,000

Taylor Hall - Replace chiller ...... \$72,000

Main Campus - Fire Alarms \$373,890

Kuhn Hall - Plan and design \$260,000 Matthews Hall - Remodel \$201,500

Physical Plant - Construction......\$225,000

Main Campus - Repair. \$85,076

Main Campus — Construction ......\$50,000 JL GRIFFIN/The Chart

Southern submits capital improvement wish list

BY TAMMY SPICER

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

nce again. the annual budget process has begun. Although the official due date for state colleges and universities to have their budget request to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is Oct. 1., Missouri Southern has already submitted its budget, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"We wanted I give CBHE as much time as possible to review our request," Tiede said "There are several projects the College is really excited about."

Currently, the College is operating in fiscal year 1998, which began July 1 and wraps up June 30, 1998. Southern recently submitted its request for fiscal year 1999, which will affect will 1998 and spring 1999 semesters.

The request contains two major parts, operating budget and capital improvement budget. Tiede said.

Southern has requested \$8,399,906 for capital improvements with Spiva Library planning and construction III the top of the list at \$6,507, 440.

The operating budget request consists of several requests, the core budget, which is traditionally a 5 percent inflationary increase from the previous year's budget, the next year of mission enhancement funding, monies to cover an increase in the retirement system contribution that was approved by the legislature last session; and a Funding for Results request.

Other capital improvement requests include \$170,000 for Barn Theatre reconstruction and \$455,000 to remodel the old tech area in the Ummel Technology Building.

"We are very optimistic about the Ummel Tech request," Tiede said. "The dollar request isn't that large, but their need is big."

The budget process goes through several stages. First, the College must evaluate necessary expenses and rate them in order of importance. Then, the College's budget request in submitted to CBHE.

CBHE passes on its recommendations to the governor, who must take into account the entire state budget when he presents his budget to the state legislature. The legislature then takes the budget up during session and makes the final

Last year, the fiscal year 1998 budget went through the same process Southern's original request for its capital improvement budget was \$17,327,640. The CBHE recommended to the governor the College should receive \$6,555,000. When the governor gave his budget proposal to the legislature, I didn't allow for any capital improvement

funds to Southern. After several months of debate, the legislature found \$250,000 in the budget for Southern, which was going to be used for planning the Spiva Library addition and Barn Theatre reconstruction. When the final budget was presented in the governor, he used his line item veto authority to scratch the \$150,000 for the library planning, but left the College with \$100,000 for planning the Barn Theatre.

"We obviously were disappointed with the final outcome," College President Julio Leon said. But the governor had a problem with trying to provide the entire state with requested budgets. He had to make some tough decisions. We are hopeful that things will work out better this year."

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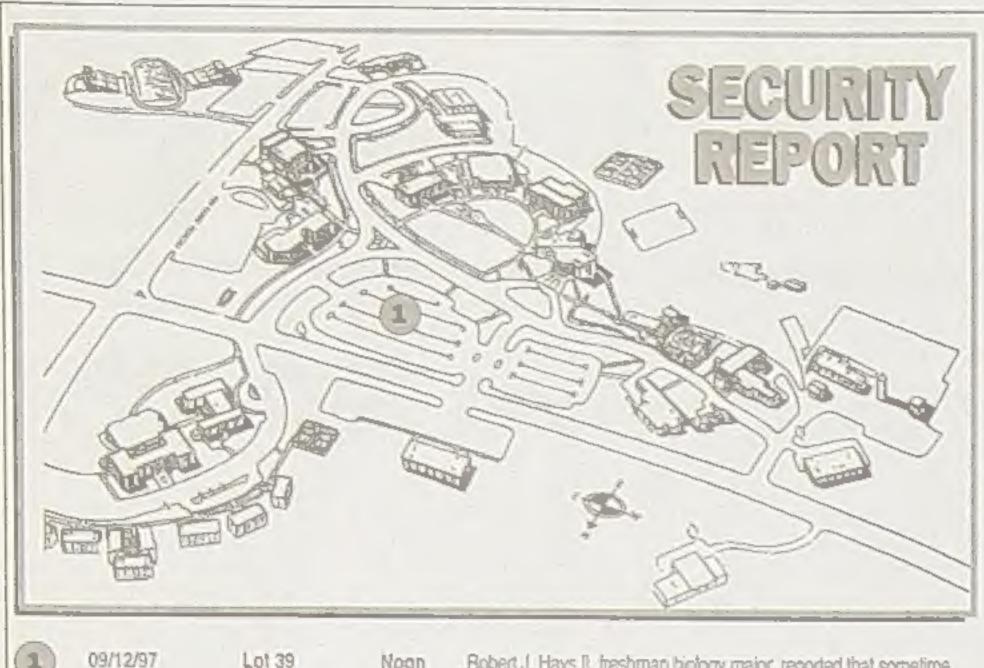
SPORTS:

The Missouri Southern football Lions beat Northeastern State University of Oklahoma, 24-16, in a comeback effort Saturday\_page 12



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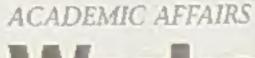
Big Brothers and Big Sisters program brings in more than \$16,500 at charity bowling tournament last toeekend.....page 9



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Robert J. Hays II, freshman biology major, reported that sometime between 8 a.m. and noon his gray 1989 Mazda 626 received damage to its right side. It appeared another vehicle attempted to park on the right side of Hay's our and sideswiped the vehicle from back

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### Workshops help facult

BY MICHAEL RASKA ASSISTANT EDITOR

eaching is one of the many changing areas the world faces as the 21st century approaches its initial stage.

Missouri Southern officials recognize this fact and are preparing

faculty workshops change and improve the method instruction

"We try to bring people to the College who might

share with our faculty new ways of teaching," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. The workshops improve our teachers, making them better, which in return is being reflected on our students in the classrooms."

Bitterbaum

This semester's theme for the faculty development series is teaching critical thinking skills.

"The data of our seniors who took an exit test have shown low scores on the critical thinking part,\* said Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department and co-director of the education center. "We would like to improve it and encourage more critical thinking into the active learning strategies that many faculty members use."

Critical thinking, however, is not just a question of instructors, said Iwona Drozdek, a senior economics and finance major.

It is also up to students who should engage in classroom discussions to start the critical thinking process, she said.

"You have to ask questions, select ideas about things you want to comprehend," Drozdek said.

This helps you to improve critical thinking and gives you the necessary skills for the job interviews, and jobs in general, the this dexterity," she said.

College faculty member ed their strategies for de critical thinking skills in dents at a recent worksho

The workshops \*Lathrop-Johnson Comm Approach to Foreign L Teaching" on Tuesday, " in the Discipline," a vide ence with Dr. Gerald No. the University of New Or Oct. 2; a presentation Anthony Yu from the U of Chicago on Oct. "Building a Web Page" w by Rod Surber, Souther bureau manager, on Oct.

Series scheduled for th of November include Writing Workshop' by Schmidt Southern grant on Nov. 5; and Inviting Success," a professional ment seminar by Dr. Ber president of Kenness University, on Nov. 21-22



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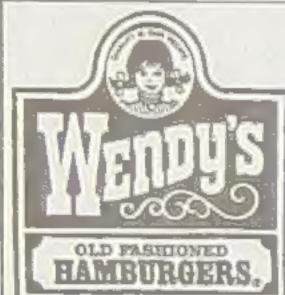




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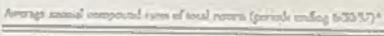
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### Reaccreditation process hits final stages

elf-study results ear completion

AFF WRITER

fter nearly two years. Missouri Southern has reached the final stages in reaccreditation process for the

The North Central Association of elleges and Secondary Schools rulates the accreditation of colges and universities in 19 divestern states every 10 years. What we're doing now, and e've been engaged in this coess for a couple of years, is a

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self-study of the College," said Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department and co-coordinator of the study process. The overall process is important for a college, just because it is the self-study aspect. It prompts the institution to look at itself and determine ways in which it could be better."

The final draft of the self-study document combines results at surveys, evaluations, and studies by a central steering committee and its subcommittees Dr. J. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences and fellow coordinator with Griffin, estimated active involvement from 75 to 100 individuals

The steering committee high-

lighted the College's international mission enhancements in the ourriculum as a positive area. Future challenges are in strategic planning, funding and finance, and physical plant space.

"Our job is to find those weaknesses before they (North Central) do so we can say we recognize challenges and we have plans to work on them," Martin said.

A visit from North Central's liaison on Sept. 12 provided assistance with the self-study document and served another purpose.

"It helped instill in the faculty a since al immediacy that this is not in the future anymore; it's almost here and time is running short," Martin said. 'It builds up our ener-

gy and push to the end and also gives us feedback on what we've turned in."

On April 6, a team from North Central will arrive on campus to begin a three-day evaluation.

"We'll have a team of seven or eight people [from North Central] who will be here during that time," Martin said. They will be reading our self-study, which is submitted in advance, in February, and they will be validating that self-study, checking to see if what we said in that actually meets what they see on campus."

Martin would like students to be aware of this upcoming visit. Team members will interview students at random and meet with

specific student groups.

They're not going to be detailed questions that they might ask the president or me or a department head, but general feelings about faculty, instruction, and quality of instruction," he said.

After the team leaves campus, the College could have results by August, but it may he as late as November.

Griffin pointed out some of the pluses for accreditation.

The big reason is for potential financial aid funding for students," she said. "You're not eligible for that if you are not going to an accredited college. Another main reason would be transferability of credits."

### SOUTHERN **NEWS** BRIEFS

#### International Resource Center offering programs

The International Resource Center at Missouri Southern is sponsoring several free programs for children ages 9 to 15. German, Japanese, and Chinese classes will be offered, free of charge, at the Joplin Public Library and on the Southern campus.

A German class will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Joplin Public Library beginning Saturday. The class will be held in the "Storytime Room." The instructor will be Jeff Jamaleldine, a native German from Berlin.

Japanese classes are offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Webster Hall Room 306 on the Southern campus. The first class was held Tuesday. The instructor is Mayuka Ishii, a native Japanese speaker from Okinawa.

Victoria Liu, a native of China from Chongoing, instructs Chinese classes from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays in Webster Hall Room 306. The Chinese classes began Thursday.

The International Language Resource Center also is sponsoring a "Contemporary Foreign Film" class through the Southern continuing education division. The course meets from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Friday in Webster Hall Room 105 on campus. Cost for this course is \$15. There is no enrollment deadline.

Each week, the "Contemporary Foreign Film" class features new films from around the world followed by a discussion of the film. This program is in addition to the International Film Festival offered by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

For information about the "Contemporary Foreign Film" class or to enroll persons may call (417) 625-9577. For information about the language classes, persons may call (417) 625-3109, (7)

#### Staff Assistants survive pre-semester training

Dighteen Missouri Southern C students are prepared for just about anything residence hall life will throw their way after going through a week-long training session recently in preparation for the fall semester.

The 45 hours of training covered 25 topics designed to equip the SAs with the necessary skills to handle virtually any circumstance faced by the more than 600 students living on campus, according to Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing and the Student Life Center.

Some of the topics covered in the training were communication and teamwork, leadership, personal values, establishing community and responsibility, CPR and first aid, sexual assault, roommate conflicts, and alcohol and drug aware-

Assisting with this year's SA training were members of the faculty and staff, the Joplin Police Department, and returning staff assistants.

Fifteen faculty and staff of Southern participated in presenting role-play scenarios in which the SAs assessed and responded according to their training procedures.

Considered paraprofessionals, the 18 SAs, all of whom are fulltime students, are supervised by two full-time resident directors. Holley Goodnight, Carthage, and Roo Mitchell, Liberal.

SAs assist the residence hall community in emergencies, with peer counseling, and other daily experiences.

The residence hall Staff Assistants for 1997-98 are: Amy Graves, Christy Yun, Lori Rains, Matt McGee, Joetta Wigger, Daneil Watson, Debby Hokanson, Liliana Valencia, Guy Grgurich, Nathan Camp, Heidi Stevens, Jason Young, Heather Merrell, Crysti Mizell, Anthony Martin, Eric Snyder, Jason Kiefer, and Josh Yamell.

### British headmaster set for College visit

forvath, students ear up for exchange I'm excited to have vith Great Britain

BETH HAMILTON TAFF WRITER

na field such as education, the phrase "international experience" can cause quite a stir. specially if this means bringing a eadmaster from a British school Missouri Southern. And sendg student teachers from here to

ngland. Penny Orme, eadmaster of own Hill, an fact and priary school in ngland, mes lo outhern onday for a

eek's visit Horvath

e becomes e first of several British headasters to visit.

br. Vildi Spencer, associate prossor of education, in hailing this rival as a milestone in the partment's efforts to get this ogram rolling.

Ereryone's excited about and ey're anxious to ask her a lot of estions," she said. "It should be eal exchange of ideas."

Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of ucation, agrees. Penny is going to come as our st executive-in-residence," he

We're going to take her and ing as much knowledge from ras we can and share it with MSSC community.

It will be mutually beneficial." me laces a jam-packed schedthat includes presiding a a ppa Delta Pi installation meetwith area teachers, principals, d superintendents, and particiing in question and answer sesns for some education classes.

the opportunity to spend time with her before I go to South Hampton. I'm not so much nervous as I am anxious to meet her.

> Kena Sneathern senior elementary education major

She leads a student teaching seminar at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

In conjunction with this visit, six Southern students are gearing up to join Orme at Town Hill school in England during late April and May where they will student teach for six weeks.

"I think it will be a wonderful exchange - a tremendous growth opportunity," Spencer

Kena Sneathern, senior elementary education major, prepares to meet Orme, whom she'll be visiting in England next semester.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to spend time with her before I go to South Hampton," she said. "I'm not so much nervous as I am anxious to meet her."

The six student teachers, along with Spencer, will spend time with Orme III this week.

"I've been visiting with her a lot since last February." Spencer said. "She's a delightful lady, very anxious to learn about the American school system.

"It's a wonderful opportunity."

### **NEW RIG ON PATROL**



THE WILSON/The Chart

Bill Boyer (right), chief of security, and officer Craig Richardson (left) display the new patrol truck purchased by the security department. Aside from patrolling the truck can also provide jump starts.

-ADMISSIONS

### College tries to remove roadblocks

BY TAMMY SPICER EXECUTIVE EDITOR

he high cost of out-ofstate tuition is a road block for many non-Missouri students wanting to attend Missouri Southern. The College has some options available to nearby residents of Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma

"We try to offer m many opportunities as possible for potential Southern students," said Linda Steele, scholarship coordinator.

The Junior College Transfer Non-Resident Service Area Scholarship is available to students who have completed 55 or more hours from a junior college in the Southern service area. Applicants must also have a grade-point average of 3.20.

A Non-Resident Service Area Scholarship is an option for incoming freshmen. In order receive this award, students must have an ACT composite score of 21.

"In both cases, students must have a 2.5 GPA for their first semester and a 3.0 for all semesters after," Steele said. "The scholarships cover the difference between in-state and out-ofstate tuition."

There are 22 counties in Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma that fall into the College's service area who are applicable for the scholarship.

Southern tuition for Missouri residents is \$72 per semester hour, for non-residents the fee is \$144.

A non-resident student who is awarded the scholarship and is taking 15 credit hours would save \$1,080.

Another avenue students often approach is the possibility of becoming Missouri residents. said Joy Braudaway, student accounts manager.

The main question is why they are here in Missouri," Braudaway said. "Are they just here to go to college, or do they

### Out-of-state service areas

OKLAHOMA: Adair County

Cherokee County Craig County Delaware County Mayes County Nowata County

Ottawa County Rogers County Tulsa County Washington County Wagoner County

KANSAS:

Allen County Bourbon County Cherokee County

Labette County Montgomery County Neosho County

ARKANSAS: Benton County Carroll County

**Boone County** Washington County

plan to make Missouri their arship for non-residents. home?"

The problem most students have with this option is they are being claimed as dependents by their parents in another state, Braudaway said.

A residency tax credit in also an option for out-of-state students. The tax credit is available if the student works in Missouri and pays Missouri income tax. Students would be awarded the amount they pay in taxes, she said.

This semester, III freshmen are taking advantage of the non-resident service scholarship and 33 students are on the transfer schol-

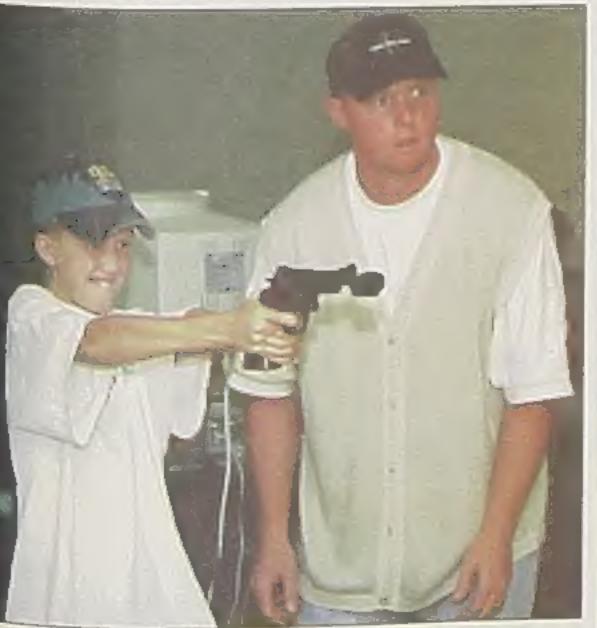
according to Steele.

There are no numbers available at this time for the exact amount of non-resident students attending Southern this semester. That information will ise available after Monday, said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research.

"But last year there were 5.258 total students and 432 were not Missouri residents," Honey said.

"I don't expect the non-resident numbers to change drastically." O

### DO YA FEEL LUCKY?



JOHN SAUTH/The Chart

orey Kerwood, Joplin, gets a shooting lesson from Mickey Rantz, enior criminal justice major, during Saturday's Legacy Day.

### Senior year not fun taking core classes

in finally a senior! Only 22 hours left. The only problems I have A encountered this semester are the actual classes I'm taking.

So why am I taking them? They are all core classes - the ones I should have taken as a freshman or sophomore but put off a take those all-important communications classes with friends.

Now, I wouldn't change those classes for anything, but as I sit in my fresh-

man-level class-

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little research, I

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why I didn't fol-Deborah low the "suggested order of study" in the College catalog. Associate Editor

Ive learned in my years here that there is a reason the catalog suggests an order to take those classes.

The purpose of the core curriculum is to give students at Southern a liberal arts education and a balance between classes. Those core classes serve another purpose. They provide students the opportunity to get a flavor for different majors, meet many people from around the campus, and in general, receive a well-rounded education

So how does taking classes in your major before core classes not allow you to receive all those benefits? The most obvious is that if you take your major classes first, you don't know what else is out there. Who knows, I could have been a marketing major instead of a communications major if I would have only taken economies my freshman year instead of last semester.

There are other drawbacks to taking major classes early, such as being the youngest in the class, or all the friends you make the first two years graduate and you have to get all new friends.

My advice for incoming students, even if you think you know what you want to do with the rest of your life, enjoy the fist couple of years of school. You have plenty of time to make that final decision and stick to it Many times students declare their majors as freshmen and have changed majors one, two, or even three or more times by graduation.

Why put all that effort into a major, when chances are you will change it before graduation? I happen to be one of the lucky ones: I'm in my fifth year and still in the same major I started with, but I must say my emphasis has changed. Originally, I wanted to be a photographer, nothing else, Now I know there is more out there.

With my degree, I can do any number of things from journalism to public relations to working with a communitybased program such as the Boys and Girls Club. I didn't have to change my major because my major encompasses many diverse job opportunities.

However, I do wish I would have had more time in the first years of school to take my "outside" classes more seriously, take more classes that interested me, and even to socialize. And now as I go back and take those classes I slopped over in my excitement of getting into my major, I don't feel it is fair to my instructors.

I get bored in some classes because the pace is slower or the subject just doesn't apply to me because I'm almost done. I'm also missing out on the new friends I've made: I don't get to take any classes with them.

Just remember, four or five years seems like a long time, but if you rush in with your eyes wide open, you may miss something you will regret for a lifetime.



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

### Even more to learn

n the topsy-turvy world of business and careers, it's becoming more evident with each passing day that the qualities of potential employees are changing with the times.

It's a student's responsibility to keep up with those changing needs. No longer is the appearance of the applicant the main ingredient employers are looking at when making a hiring decision. It's so many things now that students should feel overwhelmed when preparing for a job interview.

Those core classes everyone complains about at the beginning of the collegiate career are turning out to be the most important classes students can take. Sure they may seem mundane at times, but when the time comes for a job interview, it is going to be those mundane courses that will come in the best.

Communication skills are listed at the top of the desired lists of most corporations. Not just communication, but interpersonal communication, small-group communication, foreign language communication, and communication of all kinds are being sought.

The skills a student picks up in his or her major are important, but when being hired for a position that requires those skills, it seems only obvious the applicant should have those. Employers are looking for applicants who have gone above and beyond. The applicants who have learned a second language, worked with civic or campus organizations, paid their own way through college, or can manage a conversation without sweating bullets looks better to employers than applicants who graduated with a 4.0, has a firm handshake, and can tie a tie.

Being well-rounded as a human being and not just a student of some trade is important. The need grows everyday for applicants who have the experience to go along with the drive.

Students can no longer rely on the course work in their major to make an impression on employers; instead, they have to show they have an interest in what affects the world.

The world is changing, and the business world is trucking right along with it. Missouri Southern students need to hop aboard or they're going to get run over.

### Give it up for the CBHE

issouri's state legislators could take a lesson results of the enhancement even before the the projects get from the experiences of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's mission enhancement program.

For the first time in many decades, politicians put aside their partisan differences and worked together to bring something unique and wonderful to higher education. However, instead of partisan politics, it became a conflict of locale. St. Louis, Kansas City, and Columbia politicians ganging up on the politicians from other regions to ensure that the colleges and universities in their districts were being given the same treatment.

Why couldn't they see that if everyone in higher education was basically unified on the issue, there didn't need to be a fight over the funding?

Greed. Pure and simple. Politicians in the statehouse bickering over who should get the largest slice of pie. They should have taken the recommendations of everyone involved with the mission enhancement programs and let it sail through the statehouse. Instead, campuses are being besieged with requests from government officials to see the under way.

Missouri Southern was not alone in its battle to bring something worthwhile to this campus. Southwest Missouri State University also met opposition when it tried to enhance its mission with a public affairs component.

Dr. Kala Stroup, the CBHE's commissioner, has done the state well by setting forth a plan that will eliminate duplicated programs at the various campuses that dot the state. No longer will the University of Missouri system hold a death grip on the initiation of all programs at the higher education level.

Surprisingly, the University of Missouri system is fine with

They realize the need to downsize and offer the best to their students. There are plenty of capable professors who can teach, and they are not all at Mizzou.

That is the thrust of the mission enhancement program. To offer students at a campus something they couldn't get anywhere else. It has begun to work and can continue to work, but it takes the Missouri legislature to have some faith 

IN PERSPECTIVE -

### Anything bo can do, Sen officers can

hen I was elected po of the Student Sens spring, it did not occ that everyone would be so shor that the position was going to b by a woman. To top it off, it tun that for the first time in Misson Southern's history, all four energy officers are female as well I realize that Sandy, Jill, Mel-

I have made a place in Student time line as the first all-female executive board; at the same time, I feel people should have been just as surprised if the executive board was all male, or half male and half female (like last year's executive board), or any other com-

bination. Believe it or not, women are p capable of filling leadership, coor any other type of positions a in society. This includes Missoy Southern State College.

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There is a common ground for leaders, male or female, share f leaders believe in themselves, a takes self-confidence to guide of Leaders are also able to articula vision. Leaders are also dedicar Leaders are also hare working ! are those selected few who mee qualifications above. Therefore, is not an issue.

I read an article recently about women and their role as leaders covered something that holds or me. Carol Stephenson, presiden of Stentor Resources Centre loc sented a speech to the Women Influence luncheon in October ! She stated that "the female role; is a mix of old and new. Tradition virtues, such as self-confidence; hard work, remain important Be new strengths that women bring become crucial for success. The include an ability to listen, a shill mediating between conflicting is and an ability to brighten the wa place with a new sense of style."

People have this preconceived. that an all-female government for the time. Yes, we may have our ences occasionally, but we are in enough to work through any dis ences and not let them interiors our duties on Senate. Every gove ment has conflicting ideas, but the what makes it so interesting. Co leads to discussion, new ideas a compromise,

"The person on top of the mount didn't fall there." My morn read the to me a couple of weeks ago, and t truly inspirational to me. Leaders the top by setting goals and sicha those goals until they are achieved

Success doesn't just happen Many men may disagree, but all us executive officers are perfectly a of achieving what any men can ach No, I'm not talking about sports or verting an automatic transmission standard transmission, although women can achieve these things it ing about setting goals, achieving and working our way to the top Th statement, again, has absolutely of to do with gender, it has everyther with motivation.

When it comes to presiding over Student Senate, I obviously don't is gender is an issue. I will go out old to be a leader and accomplish con presented to me by the students a Missouri Southern. I can honesto that the whole executive board was same, not to prove a point that less can hold leadership positions, but because that is our duty as officer Student Senate, @

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### CHART AUTOMOTIVE

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66 It was laser red with a light gray leather interior, and it was loaded. 99

Last T-bird rolls off line Ford Motor Company stops production of its most famous name-plate model after forty-two years on the highways

BY KEVIN COLEMAN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

hen Ford Motor Company decided in March and discontinue production of its longest-running nameplate, the Thunderbird, car enthusiasts' reactions were mixed. Ford's decision to stop making the T-bird, along with three other models - Mercury Cougar, Probe, and Aerostar - came about because of a decline in sales of the company's larger mid-specialty coupes, according to Ford spokesman Jim Bright.

"The Thunderbird, in 1977, accounted for about 12 percent of Ford's total sales," Bright said. "Those sales had dropped to less than 2 percent in the last few years. Public interest has shifted more toward sport utility vehi-

cles and mini-vans, like the Windstar."

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2 percent.

Jim Bright Ford spokesman

The last T-bird rolled off the assembly line, in Ford's production plant in Lorain, Ohio, on Sept. 4. "It was laser red with light gray leather interior.

and it was loaded," Bright said. "It had an AM-FM stereo-cassette deck, aluminum wheels, and a 4.6liter, V-8 engine."

Ford donated the car to Classic Thunderbird Collectors International, the largest Thunderbird club in the world.

"One of their members already owns the first Thunderbird." Bright said.

The club plans to exhibit the first and last models of Ford's most famous nameplate car

Ford introduced the Thunderbird in 1954 as a 1955 model. For the first three model years, 1955-57, it was a two-seater sports coupe. The first three models came with two removable tops, a hard top and a "rag-top." Suzanne Sommers drove a 1957 T-bird in the movie American Graffiti

In 1958, the car gained a back seat. Since then it has been through several metamorphoses. Through the early '60s it was a mid-size sports coupe. After 1966, the T-bird could no longer be purchased with a convertible top.



In 1967 the first four-door Thunderbird was introduced and it grew to full size. From '67-'69 a customer could buy a new two-door hard-top T-bird or one with suicide doors.

Ford discontinued production al four-door models in 1971. Throughout the '70s and most of the '80s the Thunderbird remained a full-sized luxury sedans.

In 1989, the body style changed again to the mid-sized sedan that continued up until two weeks ago.

Tricia Heitzman, a cosmetologist at Hairbenders in Joplin, was given a 1957 Tbird by her husband as a Christmas present in 1972.

"We were living in California, and I saw it. at a car lot," she said. "I knew I wanted it. My husband said, Why don't you let me buy you a new one? but I said 'No, I want that Thunderbird, So, on Christmas morning, it was sitting in

the driveway with a big bow on it."

Heitzman still drives the car to work and on errands. She has no intention of parting with it.

"I think her plan is to be buried in it," said Bill Currie, Heitzman's son-in-

Her husband maintains the car and, in the past few years, has rebuilt the engine and painted it. Heitzman doesn't mind that Ford has stopped

making the Thunderbird. "After they quit making that car (the two-seater), I didn't think they were very pretty anyway," she said. "That's really my prefer-

ence." But there are some Thunderbird buffs who don't relish the idea of Ford taking the T-bird away.

"I've owned two Thunderbirds," said Jeff Billington, junior communications major at Missouri Southern. "My first was a 1985, and I have a 1992 currently."

Billington belongs to the Thunderbird International car club, on the

Internet at www.thunderbird.com.

"I don't like it that they're discontinuing them right now," his said. "But I looked into it when they first announced they were going to discontinue them. I saw that Ford was probably going to reinstate the Thunderbird nameplate, and everything I've heard says it will be a two-seater. I'd love have a two-seater Thunderbird."

ACING FEATURE

### Doubledee takes green flag after near-fatal crash



TERESA BLAND/The Charl

nifer Doubledee, junior biology major, races her 1970 Ford Galaxy, "Gertie" in the "superbomber class,"

BY TERESA BLAND CO-DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

wrinkles show that she has lived on the edge. Sometimes when you race through life. you get rusty in some areas.

Jenniler Doubledee doesn't care what Gertie looks like; she loves the battered, multi-colored 1970 Ford Galaxy.

"We bought her at a farm sale from an old lady named Gertie because she enjoys doing it." Sullivan, and the car has taken on has seen over 17 races since we've had her."

Doubledee, a junior biology major at Missouri Southern, started racing this year. She runs peted in this summer, Doubledee Gertie in the women's class at Northfork Speedway, located 10 miles north # Stone's Corner.

called the 'superbombers," she said. "If you have a car that runs, you knock the windows out of it, put a bar in the door, paint it, and get out on the track."

Doubledee's life was turned upside down last year because of a in the back of Doubledee's mind. near-fatal car accident two days before the fall 1996 semester started. She was at the junction of Highways 126 and 43, going toward Lamar, when she was broadsided on the driver's side door at 65 mph.

"The guy didn't stop or slow down," she said. "They say that I never saw him coming because I didn't hit my brakes."

The accident left her conscious but unaware of her surroundings for four days.

"I broke my pelvis in seven places, so they put in four bolts and screwed me together. I had a ertie is 27 years old. Her bar across to keep me stable," Doubledee said. "I had to stay in bed almost all the time, laying at a 30-degree angle."

Doubledee's parents think that racing is the best medicine for their daughter

"Being out there helps her to become a better driver," Ruby, her mother, said. "I'm excited for her

Stephen, Doubledee's father, her personality," she said. "She agrees she is learning to driver better, and as her pit crew boss, In knows. "I fix the car, so I know it's safe to drive," he said.

Of the three races that she com-

"I started last in sixth position and I passed five cars in five laps They developed a new class and won the race coming out of the fourth corner," she said. "The lady that I beat is an elementary teacher at Carl Junction, and she swore that I would never beat her again."

> The fear of being involved in another accident has always been

"I don't remember my car accident because I had some pretty severe head trauma, and I was scared that if I got hit in my door on the track it would bring something back and I wouldn't be able III drive," she said.

In the last race, the teacher from -Carl Junction ran into Doubledee on the driver's side door. 'She tried to take me out," she said.

Doubledee felt no fear. "We don't race as hard as the guys do, but we sure have a good time."

### Classic style could make comeback

omehow I missed Ford's announcement of the company's plans to discontinue its production of the Thunderbird, so when I was watching the news a couple of

weeks 200, it Came as quite a shock when I learned the last one had already rolled off the production line. I have

SAEMIE



Kevin Coleman Associate Editor

loved classic cars, and the Thunderbird was one of the classiest, especially the 1955-57 models. I couldn't imagine why anyone would want to chuck it, at least not without trying a new design or something.

Since its inception in 1954, the Ford Thunderbird has been an American icon. The Beach Boys sang its praises with "and we'll have fun, fun, fun, till her daddy takes the T-bird away." Suranne Sommers drove one in

American Graffiti. The car has been identified as being as American as apple pie and hot dogs for three generations of Americans. How could anyone just dispose of anything that firmly rooted in our culture?

I don't know how old I was when I first saw a Thunderbird. but I do remember the car. The car was a bright red, early 1960s, rag-top model. It was gorgeous.

Since then I've seen a lot of Tbirds and driven two or three of them. I even hit a deer with my mom's '67 one night I just tapped him. Mom couldn't even tell I hit anything.

Of course the early models were the best models. It was a shame when Ford halted production of the two-seater, but the early-to-mid '60s models were still some of the greatest looking cars I've ever had the pleasure of admiring

While working on writing about the demise of the T-bird for this week's Chart, I talked to several people who said they thought Ford never should have discontinued the twoseater. I tend to agree with that line of thinking.

The T-bird was introduced to compete with the Chevrolet Corvette, which was first produced for the 1953 model year. I don't know who decided the 58 model should suddenly have a back seat, but it probably wasn't the best executive decision ever made at Ford Motor Company.

Evidently, they learned some lessons from the Thunderbird's multiple incarnations. I mean. they've never, so far, redesigned the Mustang to be a huxury sedan.

Even though the company won't confirm it, it looks certain that when the T-bird is resurrected it will be a two-seater sports coupe again.

This seems to be the foremost

reason T-bird buffs aren't singing no more fun, fun, fun now that Ford took the T-bird away. If the Thunderbird actually returns as a two-seater, it's going

to be the answer to every car enthusiasi's pravers. I know I've always dreamed of

owning one.

forthfork Speedway. Doubledee has raced three races, and won one since being in a near-fatal crash.

### AROUND CAMPUS

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#### Today 19

Intramurals soccer league deadline Child Development Center

open house

#### 1:30 p.m.-

Deadline to buy \$5 ticket to CAB Renaissance Festival

#### trip 7 p.m.—

Volleyball vs. Washburn University

### Saturday 20

CAB Trip: Renaissance Festival Cross Country hosts Jocks

Nitch Missouri Southern Stampede 11 a.m.-

Volleyball vs. Emporta State University

1:30 p.m.-Football I Northwest Missouri State University

### Sunday 21

2 p.m.-

Soccer vs. University of Missouri-Rolla

7 p.m.— Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge

Hall basement · Alpha Sigma Alpha meet-

ing, Panhellenic Room

### Monday 22

Gift of Life Day blood drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., BSC third floor. 3 p.m.—

Intramurals soccer meeting 7 p.m.-

Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

#### **Tuesday 23**

Noon-

Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313

### 12:15 p.m.-

Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211 12:20 p.m.-

#### College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

4:30 p.m.-Soccer at Southwest Baptist

University

#### 7 p.m.-

Koinosla main meeting. College Heights Christian Church

#### Wednesday 24 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.-

All-campus ice cream social hosted by President and Mrs. Leon, BSC 310.

Noon-Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123

#### Noon-

CAB meeting, BSC 306

#### Noon-Academics Anonymous, sponsored by Sigma Tau

Delta, Hearnes Hall, Room 224

#### 9 p.m.-Wesley Foundation Midweek

### Worship

#### Thursday 25

#### 11 a.m. to 1 p.m .--

Kolnonia Lunch, basement at

#### Stegge Hall 2 p.m.—

National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV

#### Studio 6:30 p.m.-

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

#### 7 p.m.—

Zeta Tau Alpha meeting.

#### Panhellenic room Baptist Student Union,

Thursday Night Together, **BSU** Building

**EDUCATION** 

### Chapter receives award for excellence

### Rho Sigma shines among 500 national education chapters

BY KIKI COFFMAN STAFF WRITER

ho Sigma, Missouri Southern's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, was chosen to receive an award for group excellence and philanthropic involvements.

Every two years, 10 of the more than 500 Kappa Delta Pi national

New club

in dollars

uying and selling stocks and

bonds will be the main activ-

ities of Missouri Southern's

"It is being formed merely for the

educational purposes of the stu-

dents," said Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, pro-

fessor of business, "They'll learn

how to invest, when to buy, and

The club will make up a partner-

ship that will include Southern stu-

dents who must be members of

the Finance Club, faculty, staff,

alumni, and other people associat-

He said the idea for the club orig-

inated with himself; Richard

Rawlins, assistant professor of

business; and Dr. Richard La Near.

Jaswal said in order to join, each member must invest a minimum

The minimum is \$25 and the

maximum for a student in college

is \$500," he said. "Those who are

Jaswal said the voting partners

shall consist if the active student

members only, and they will make

all management and investment

decisions. The nonvoting mem-

bers shall consist if partners who

"We talked about doing it about

three years ago, and then it didn't

go through," said Tim Hansen.

senior economics/finance and

criminal justice major. Now we

have the material that should get it

"But there is no faculty involve-

ment at all," he added. "All the

decisions will be made by the stu-

Hansen believes this will be a

positive learning experience for

"It'll give us a chance to actually

get some experience," he said. "It's

going to be something that is

going m perpetuate regardless of

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

him and the students who follow.

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ed with the College, Jaswal said.

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BUSINESS

STAFF WRITER

when to sell."

new Investment Club.

chapters are chosen to receive the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) award for membership, chapter programs, service activities, and society participation.

Kaye Abight, counselor and sponsor of Rho Sigma, submitted a portfolio documenting the group's accomplishments during 1996-97.

The portfolio highlights include what started out as a simple project for Reading Is Fundamental Week (RIF) involving the Boys and Girls Club in Joplin.

Initially, members planned to go into the club and read books to the children.

But when some of the members of Rho Sigma discovered the unorganized condition the club's library was in, they decided that something must be done in addition to their original plan.

"We walked into the library and it was a mess," said April Davidson, president of Rho Sigma. "Books lying everywhere; kids couldn't enjoy the books when they were in such disarray ... so we went in and set [the library up."

The chapter's work proved effective.

Books of various subjects are shelved and organized in a sim-

pler fashion, and children are responding favorably to the new changes.

The RIF week project evolved into a more challenging effort, but Tiffany Humbard, vice president of Rho Sigma, said members didn't complain because they found the work rewarding.

"We pulled books out, sorted them, and encouraged [the children in the Boys and Girls Club! to read," Humbard said. "I think all of ithe members of Rho Sigmal really got a lot out if it," she said.

The project was such a success that Rho Sigma is pondering

whether its involvement a library maintenance and help at the Boys and Girl should be an annual proj their group.

"[Rho Sigma] might like something every fall to ma annual thing." Davidson; don't know, but I think th members of Rho Sigmal a lot out of the experience."

Rho Sigma will receive a and be recognized at Kapp Pi's 1997 Convention Nov. St Louis

The chapter's program accomplishments will be fe in future society publication

### IS IT HALLOWEEN ALREADY?



Dominic Box is the picture of concentration as Lou Garver, junior theatre/business major, gives him a perfectly ghoulish look in one of classes offered for Legacy Day, Sept. 13. The pilot event, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, drew 55 children and 48 alumni Association, drew 55 children and 48 alumni Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Hammons Program seeks volunteer mentor

### Students connect with 'at-risk' youth

BY MARILYN TAFT STAFF WRITER

commitment of time is what it takes for Kelly Wilson, assistant director of counseling, and her Missouri Southern mentors to have an impact on the children in the Hammons Mentor Program

There have been times when I have had someone (mentee) in the hospital and been there day and night with them," she said

The program in designed to provide student mentors from

Southern for 'at risk children The mentors must encourage, listen, and provide guidance on a one-toone basis.

"When it's not convenient, we still have a commitment to give our time," Wilson said.

She explains that "at risk" individuals provide Southern students with a touch of real life. Often barriers exist that must be

dealt with before the Southern student can make a positive impact on his or her assigned mentee's life. It takes a time commitment to achieve a solid trusting relation-

ship that a phone call just can't do. The mentors learn we-ism instead of me-ism," Wilson said.

When the Hammons program

started, many of the children were lacking goals. "I want you to succeed," Wilson would tell the children. "I'll make a

goal, you make a goal, let's commit to each other." A training program for mentors

is mandatory before they're introduced in their mentee Communication skills such as lis-

tening, role playing, and multicultural stresses are among topics discussed. Wilson changes the training from year to year to keep current and fresh.

When ready, the mentors step into their mentee's life. It often means interlacing with their teachers, parents, and friends.

"When the kids were little, we

had to get homework assign from their teachers so wer help them learn good s habits," Wilson remembers

The Hammons programs with 45 children. There are a rently enrolled.

Tracy Wood, jugier h school education major, is a year mentor in the Hammer gram. He joined the prot before he knew he recept upper-division credit hour for

Wood intends to see his in after he graduates from Sod and is out of the Hammon gram.

"It's an absolutely great gram, and I wish more po would sign up," Wood said. I

### Collegiate 4-H club focuses on leadership, public service



Michael Noell, senior education major, presides at a meeting of students interested in a collegiate 4-H club. The new club, one of only three in the state, plans to focus on public service projects.

By JALYN HIGGINS

STAFF WRITER

issouri Southern is trying something only two other colleges in the state have done before: start a collegiate 4-H club.

Michael Nocll, senior education major, and Orvie Freer, adviser of the Missouri Southern Collegiate 4-H club, are in charge of getting the new club off to a good start.

Southern students have been interested in an on-campus 4-H group for some time.

Noell, a transfer student from Central Missouri State University, brought the idea with him and is hopeful the new club will succeed.

Noell said he could see the good 4-H was doing at CMSU by getting students involved in teaching others and helping them learn leadership skills

"On this level, 4-H focuses on leadership abilities," he said. "We do a lot of

community service, especially with local organizations."

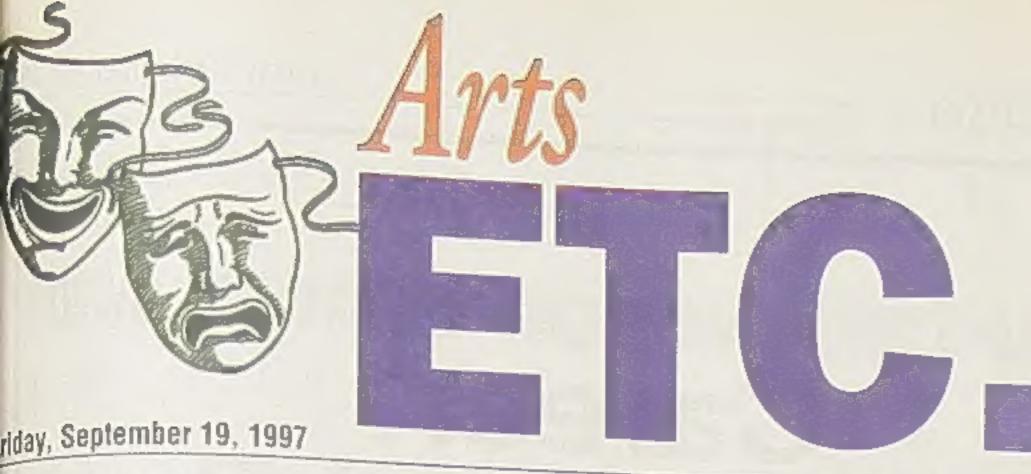
There are many activities planed the new club. Organizers plan is duct many fund-raisers throughod year, host a conference for local of zations in January, and schedule 1 leyball tournament in February March.

Most activities are centered the members having fun while help others. There are no membership dos

join the new club, All students are come to participate even if they vo a 4-H member before. "We encourage membership is

next month so we can elect office Freer said. If students are interested about

ing or have any questions, they contact Noell at 659-9341. There also be an ad in The Chart even! weeks telling the time, date, and tion of the next meeting.



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### Poet balances workload

BY SUSIE FRISBIE STAFF WRITER

alancing a career and a family can be a difficult task for any woman. For most of these women, having time for hobbies may almost seem impossible.

Kim Horner Nicolas is an exception. She is not only an adjunct instructor of English at Missouri Southern, but also a wife, mother, and a full-time Review.

Horner Nicolas, a Southern graduate, found herself in a unique position upon returning to teach at the College.

Some of her former instructors are now her colleagues.

Dr. Elliott Denniston, professor of English, is one such instructor.

"Kim was and still is intensely interested in literature and fascinated with writing," he said.

Horner Nicolas' fascination with writing is what drives her.

"Writing in what runs my life," she ents," she said

"I love making the language do what recognize." it was meant to do."

Busy is a word often associated with Horner Nicolas

"Right now I'm spending a lot of said time teaching," she said "I'm having to confine my writing in the weekends."

While most dread getting up much ing things away." before 7 a.m., Horner Nicolas' alarm rings much earlier.

"I get up at five o'clock every morning so I have time in write, to take she said.

Recently, Horner Nicolas has added another activity to her already long

She is the co-editor of the new literary magazine Portable Plateau. Horner Nicolas has several poetry submissions in its first issue.

She has also had several other poems published in other small press literary magazines, such as The Midwest Quarterly and The Georgetown

This month she also has a short piece of fiction coming out in Oklahoma State University's Midwest Review.

Homer Nicolas writes poetry out if her pure love of it, but she also has set goals for herself in writing.

I hope to one day have an audience who reads and cares about poetry." she said

Horner Nicolas admires such poets as Sylvia Plath, Wallace Stevens, and e.e. cummings.

"Most poets look for literary par-

They read to find somebody they

Writing is an ongoing process in Homer Nicolas' life.

"Writing is a consuming thing," she

"Even when you're not writing, you're looking for material, you're watching for imagery, and you're fil-

Whether she's teaching a class or spending time with her family, Homer Nicolas' writing is not far from her mind.

not just what I do." []



care of my kids, and to grade papers," ... "Writing is what I am," she said. "It's Kim Horner Nicolas, an instructor at Missouri Southern, tries to get inspiration from the environment around her at the College campus.

Realism saves

BY AILEEN GRONEWOLD

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

gloomy plotline Southern's first play of the year scores points for performances

outhern's first theatre performance for the year, The Middle Ages, debunks the old adage, "All's well that ends well." Billed as a romantic comedy, the play might better be described as a dark comedy, as

Jason Engstrom, sophomore theatre major, and Mariah Kissel, junior music major, portray Barney and Eleanor, a couple who struggles for 30 years to admit and express their love.

When they finally get together in the last scene, however, the lost years cast a gloomy shadow on what should be a happy ending.

In spite of a plot that gets bogged down with heavyhanded symbolism and a complex web of twisted relationships, strong acting performances keep the story alive.

Engstrom shines as the quirky Barney, an endearing cross between Jerry Lewis and Jim Carrey, complete with all the facial contortions.

He has excellent support from Kissel, as well as from Brandon Davidson and Heather Haar, both senior theaire majors.

All four actors portray the 30-year time span of their characters with accuracy.

Engstrom eleverly masters the awkward lankiness of a 16-year-old, and Davidson makes an easy leap to a stooped old man

Much of the success of this play, however, belongs to the behind-the-scenes people, especially the set construction and costume crews.

The one-room scene of a trophy room in a men's club as meticulous in detail and beautifully designed. As the main symbol all the play, the set carnes a greater significance here than in many other plays, and it far exceeds the expectations.

Southern's costume designers also found just the right outfits to depict the appropriate era, from the tailored classic look of the 40s to the polyester revolution of the 70s.

The play will be performed tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium. For ticket information, persons may call 625-3190.





Sept. 17-20-The Middle Ages, Talor Auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Oct. 15-18-Les Lialsons Dangereuses Dec. 6, 7-The Stolen Prince Jan. 28-31-The Runner

Stumbles **MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM** 

Foreign Films

Sept. 30-Man of Marble Oct. 14—Judex Oct. 28-The Murderers Are Among Us

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM Sept. 25-Student Recital Sept. 30-Faculty Voice

Recital - Carol Cook Oct. 2-Lect./Demo ... Angeles String Quartet Oct. 7-Senior Recital Joanie Martin, Piano Oct 9-Student Recital

### Joplin



Concert

■ September 21— Clay Walker and Lee Ann Womack, Memorial Hall

#### CHAMPS 782-4944

Every Tuesday—Blues Jam, open mic for musicians Sept. 19-20—Steve Malcolm and the Sightations Sept. 26-27-King Friday

#### THE BYPASS 624-9095

Sept 20-Pumpkin Head Sept 27—Walking on Einstein Oct. 3-Trout

### Carthage

**POWERS MUSEUM** 

Sept 16 - Oct. 26-Museum of American Quilter's Society exhibit

RED OAK II **AMPHITHEATER** 

Sept. 20-BE with King Friday

#### **Kansas City**

SANDSTONE AMPHITHEATER (816) 576-7900

Sept. 20-311 and Fishbone Sept. 26-Pantera with Machine head and Coal Chamber





JOHN SMITH The Chan

David Boyer (left) and Todd Wilkerson set up their equipment for a show at the Java House, 527 Main St.

### Coffee house opens doors...again

Y LINDA WHITED TAFF WRITER

hree sisters fulfilled their childhood dream as they reopened the Java House, 527 Main, three weeks ago. Rhonda Heriford, 29, Tanya Brewsder, 32, and Twyla Moore, 40, co-own and operate the two-dining bom coffee house.

Since I was 15 years old I had a dream of opening a lace teenagers could go without alcohol, a place set in a anily atmosphere," Heriford said.

Open mike nights offer customers an artistic outlet. At 8

Fridays, anyone may take the stage, sing, or speak. dondays are open debate night. Chess class precedes the ebate at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the instruction. We would like students for any amateur writer to ting in original poetry works," Moore said. "We plan a reekly or monthly newsletter so we can help writers get

teir name in print." A creative wall at the back of the band room is filled with alrons' verse and comments. Artists may add their isight or display art, Moore said.

Customers like to leave their mark, saying 'I was here,"

The sibling trio have a music history. In their early tars, the girls moved frequently because their father was a youth minister and choir director. He devoted his life to starting new youth and singing groups all over Missouri. Therefore they endured several uprootings and family transplants.

"We play Christian, jazz, and classical music. If you bring a CD, we'll play it," Heriford said. Elijah Cry, a local rock band, performed last week.

Forthcoming, the Java House plans blues entertainers and Christian rock groups. "Admission is a \$1 = \$2 cover charge. Big-name enter-

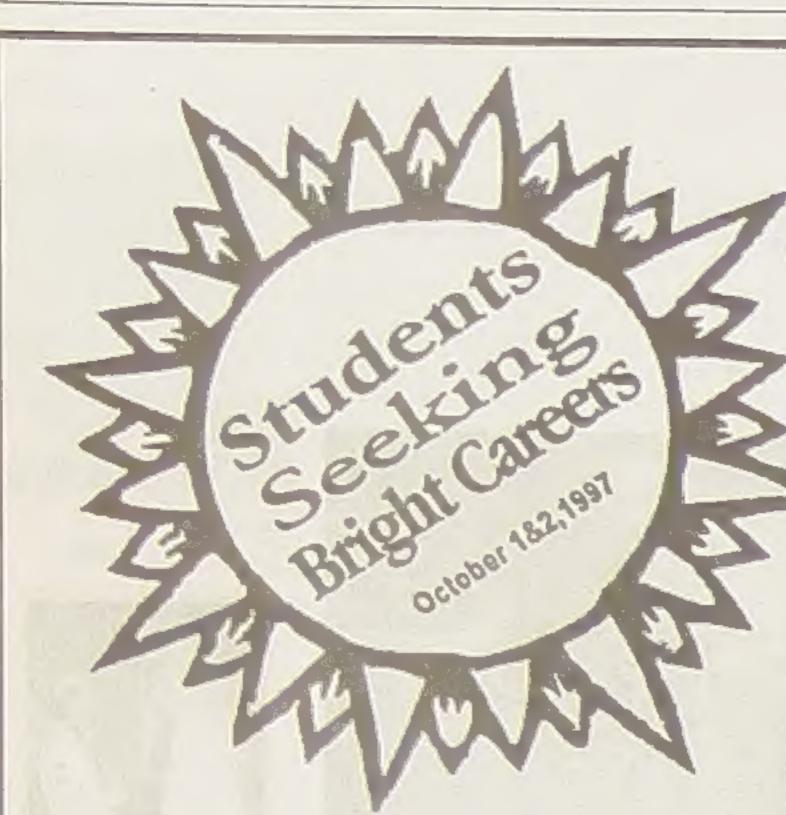
tainers will cost around \$5 per person," Heriford said. "A lunch special, two new drinks, and cheesecake have

been added to our existing standbys; the muffins, bagels, and cinnamon rolls. Our new best seller is the buzz beans, a candy-coated coffee bean caten for a quick wake-up," Heriford said.

A common Java House scene consists of students huddled over a clutter of books and notes. Study group conversations detour to discussions of dating or playful jokes.

"We just got out of church and came over here to study. The almosphere is different from the old Java House, but we like the new decor here, too," said Amy Jones, a 16year-old Carl Junction student.

Patrons may order a cup of Joe, or tea, and a cinnamon roll any day of the week. They can pull up a couch, enjoy friendly conversation with friends, or even make a few new ones. []



Career Development Day

All events take place October 1 & 2 in the Billingsly Student Center

Wednesday, October 1, 1997

**Networking Reception** 

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This is a good opportunity for you to meet potential employers and practice your networking skills! Professional Dress is recommended.

Thursday, October 2, 1997 Career Booth Visitation

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

About 100 local and national employers will be visiting our campus to help you learn more about various careers. Approximately fifteen graduate schools will also be here. Don't miss this excellent networking and educational opportunity!

**Showcase of Majors** 

9:00 a.m. to Noon

For undeclared students or those thinking of changing their major, the showcase of majors will provide lots of good information about the great majors offered at MSSC.

Career Break-out Sessions

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Learn more about specific career fields of interest to you!

Question and answer sessions with selected employers are designed to help students learn about specific careers and ask questions of professionals who work in those career fields.

Time	BSC 310	BSC 311	BSC 313	BSC 314	BSC 306
9:00 a.m.	Accounting Recent Grads	Economics & Finance Careers	Careers in Social Science	Careers in Legal Services	International Careers
10:00 a.m.	Accounting Public Acct	Marketing & Management Careers	Careers in Theatre Education & Performance	Environmental Health Careers	Careers in Computer Science
11:00 a.m.	Accounting Industry & Non-Profit	Careers in Human Resources	Careers in Technical Theatre	Criminal Justice Careers	Computer Science & The Job Search

### Below are some of the organizations that are likely to attend this year.

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Freeman Hospital Hardy & Associates, CPA's Hastings Books, Music, & Video H.E. Williams, Inc. ICI Explosives Ingersoll-Rand internal Revenue Service International Institute of Technology Jack Henry & Associates Jasper County Family Services Jasper County Health Dept. Jasper County Sheltered Facilities JC Panney Company, Inc. Johnson County Sheriff's Dept. Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Joplin City Health Dept. Joplin Regional Center KAT 102.5/KSYN 92.5 KOAM-TV KOBC Radio KODE-TV

KSN-TV Lafayette House Leggett & Platt, Inc. Meek, Dr. Roy Meeks Building Center Mense, Churchwell & Mense, PC Mercantile Bank Missouri Dept. of Corrections Mo. Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations Missouri Division of Child Support Missouri Division M Mental Health Missouri Division of Youth Services Missouri Office of Administration Missouri State Highway Patrol Mt. Carmel Medical Center Mutual of Omaha Myers, Baker, Rife & Denham National Park Service Neosho National Fish Hatchery Norwest Financial Office of the Comptroller in the Currency Olsten Staffing Services Oxford Healthcare

Ozark Center Pathway Support/ A.O. Employment Pittsburg State Univ.-Graduate School Pre-Pald Legal Inc. Private Industry Council Roaring River State Park Salvation Army Social Security Administration South Outdoor Advertising Spring River Christian Village St. John's Regional Medical Center St. John's Sports Medicine Clinic Sunbeam Outdoor Products Tamko Asphalt Products Tax and Accounting Software The Independent Living Center, Inc. The Grand Palace The Joplin Globe Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School Tulsa Police Department Tyson Foods, Inc. United Way W Joplin

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army
U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisons
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
U.S. Telecom
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Warten, Fisher, Lee & Brown
Webb City High School
Western Southern Life Insurance
Whitlock, Sellm & Keehn
Willow Crest Hospital

GRADUATE / PROFESSIONALS SCHOOLS

Cleveland Chiropractic College
Iowa State Univ.-Graduate School
Okiahoma City Univ. School of Law
Oklahoma State University
Oral Roberts University
Univ. of Arkansas Drama Dept.
Univ. of Arkansas School of Law
Univ. of MO-Kansas City Law School
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Univ. of MO-Graduate School
Univ. of Tulsa College of Law
Univ. of Tulsa Graduate School

Career Development Day 1997 will host many of the same great organizations plus many more new ones!!

Call 625-9343 for more details

REGIONAL

Neosho receives grant

Thus notified Neosho City TS. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

Manager Jim Cole that a \$182,000

grant from the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's Natural Resources

Conservation Service has been

ward" in the Hickory Creek

Watershed Project that is designed

to turn the flood-prone creek into a

park with a series of flood-control

used to purchase the first of three

commercial properties in the flood

plain - the old Neosho Floral property and two buildings on

The grant is part of a \$6.2 mil-

lion project that will take several

years as complete Earlies grants from the Federal Emergency

Management Agency helped the

city of Neosho to purchase several

flood-prope residential properties

as part of the same effort on

Community Blood Center

The Community Blood Center

I of the Ozarks celebrated its

econd anniversary Thursday, As

part of the ociebration, everyone

who donates blood during the

month of September will receive a

kiss with each donation A

Hershey's chocolate kiss will be

attached to a special card to say

Since Sept. 18, 1995, the

CBCO has been collecting blood

at fixed sites in Springfield, Joplin,

and Springdale, Ark ... well as

bloodmobiles seross a 39-county

Twenty-seven area hospitals,

including St. John's Regional.

Medical Center and Freeman

Hospitals and Health System in

Joplin, Barton County Memorial

Hospital as Lamar, and Freeman-

Neosho Hospital in Neosho.

receive III blood and blood prod-

this year, donors from Joplin and

surrounding counties donated

3.817 units of blood, helping im-

supply the 10,190 units needed by

the hospitals in Joplin, Neosho.

and Lamar during that same time

From Jan. 2 through Aug. 31 17

ucus from CBCO.

thank you for donating blood.

celebrates anniversary

Cole said the money will be

Cole says it is a major step for-

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College Street

Hickory Creek []

for flood-prone creek

**NEWS** 

BRIEFS

AIN STREET JOPLIN -

### New center helps start-up businesses ELEEN COR

the Downtown Enterprise Center, a resource for startup businesses, has opened doors to applicants of small entreneurial-type companies.

he Center serves genuine startcompanies and existing compastill operating out to the home. they can have an office without ing the expense of renting a for facility, buying a copy chine, having a secretary, and

doing everything," said Bob Harrington, board member of Main Street Joplin. 'We call it 'the small business incubator system."

The Center offers its clients individualized business consulting services in no charge, access to on-site business workshops and seminars. and a technology center equipped with computers hooked to the Internet

"We get the business started, get them running, and give them a kind of jump kick on life," Harrington

An entrepreneur will have to go through an interview process and qualify as a client of the Center.

"One If the objectives is In not bring in businesses into the incubator that are simply copycats of already existing businesses in town," said Blanche McKee, chairperson at the board of the Downtown Enterprise Center. 'One of the purposes in to broaden the economic base of the community, and you can't do that by having 15 of the same businesses. We're looking for unique businesses," said McKee.

McKee said one of the primary fac for the community," McKee said. tors that the Center is looking for is companies that have the ability or the potential to sell their goods and services outside of the community.

That's how a community grows economically," McKee said. "The ultimate would be companies that can sell overseas."

In 1996, small businesses produced an estimated 75 percent of and survive." said Jim Krudwig. the 2.5 million new jobs created.

"We are also looking for companies with the potential and the willingness and the goal to create jobs "It's a good concept." O

"I think it's a really good idea," said Camie Helms, junior marketing major.

This is a small area that's growing, and this provides a lot of opportunity for a lot of people."

The grand opening of the Center will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.

"I'd like in see the Center flourish board member of Main Street Joplin and director of the Small Business Development Center at Southern.

AREA BUSINESSES

### und-raiser urpasses xpectations

GBROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

owling event brings in ore than original goal \$10,000 in donations

MMY SPICER CUTIVE EDITOR

The welfare of children in Jasper and Newton counties was the focus of a bowling event Saturday. Bowl For 's Sake is a national event used as the mary source of funding for the Big thers and Big Sisters Clubs of America. hir official goal for the tournament was aise \$10,000," said Amy Potter, small iness manager for the Joplin Area mber of Commerce and one of the mizers of the bowling tournament. is iso't official yet, but the event netted \$16,500."

Brothers and Big Sisters is now in its week of existence in the Joplin area. idea in start the organization began the Leadership Joplin Class of 1996, a or organized by the Joplin Area mber of Commerce to enhance leaderskills in the business community.

bey recognized the need to have Big hers and Big Sisters' services here in in," Potter said. "The Class of 1997 to organize the Bowl For Kid's Sake ep get them off to a great start."

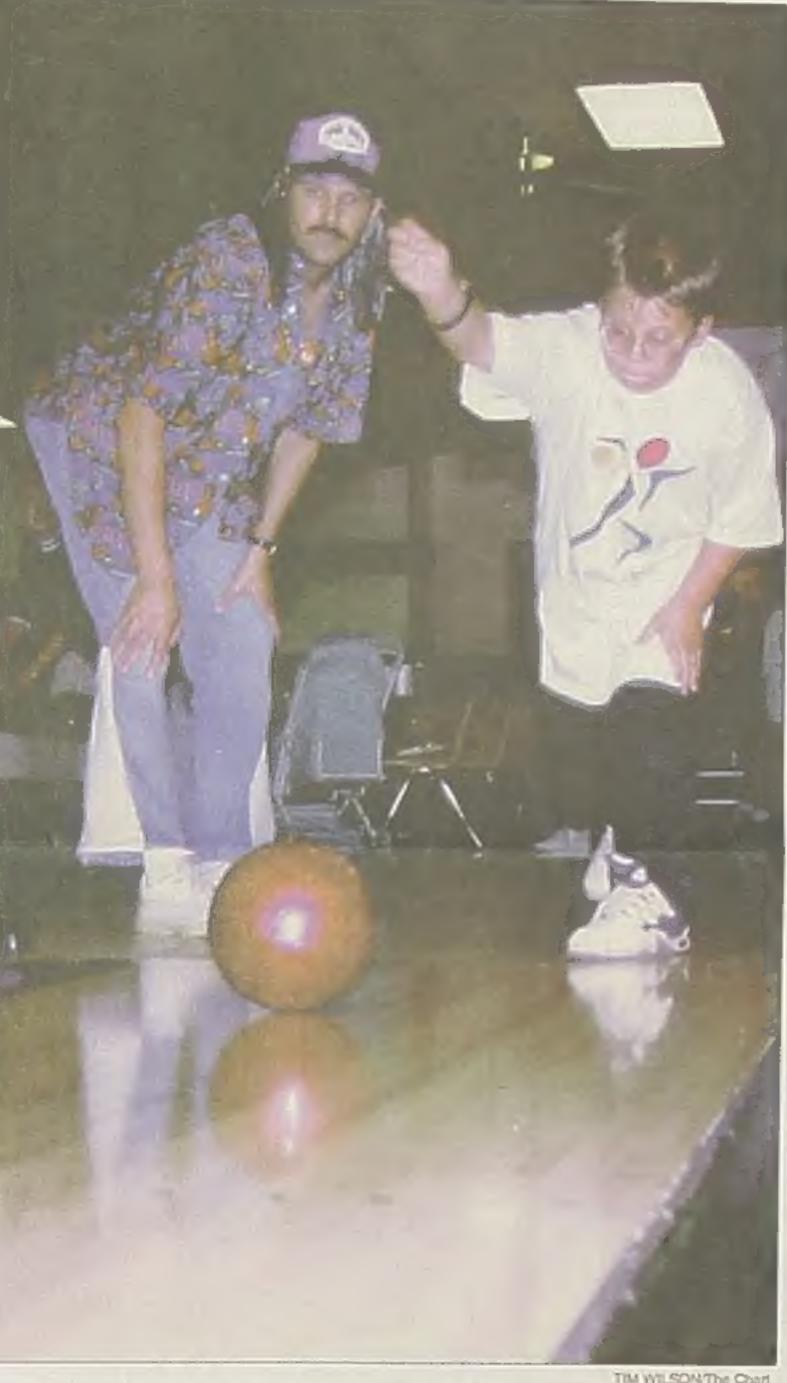
mently, the major focus of the organiin is to "match" Big Brothers and ers with Little Brothers and Sisters, Mark Kimball, executive director of Brothers and Big Sisters of Jasper and ton counties.

goal is make 50 matches in the 2 months.

e community support we've received een tremendous," Kimball said. "The For Kid's Sake is a brand new event

e Joplin area, and we well surpassed re have been 83 volunteer applicarequested and 23 returned. For the ren there have been 48 application

wo weeks, Kimball explained. the program gets under way, the hed pairs will spend most of their



TIM WILSONThe Charl.

Kelth Moeller, president of the board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Jasper and Newton counties, watches intently as 8-year-old Paul Cameron, Joplin, rolls the ball.

time together on a one-on-one basis.

There will be some agency functions for the matches, but personal interest and parents' permission will play a big part in the ests, and seven have applied in the activities, Kimball said.

"I was a Big Brother for five years when I was living in Phoenix," he said. "I always felt that I was an important influence in my

little brother's life. He and I are still close to this day."

The money raised at the bowling tournament will be kept in the local area and go directly in participants in the program.

"We are so pleased with the outcome and the welcome we have received into the Joplin area community," Kimball said. D

### Corporations receive funds

BY MARLA HINKLE STAFF WRITER

In addition to the recent funds awarded to five Joplin businesses, four more corpora-L tions have been awarded job training funds. The funds are awarded through the Customized Training Program of the Missouri Job Development Fund. The four new businesses awarded these funds are Aaron's Automotive Products, Inc., Lozier Corporation, Jasper. Popcorn Company, and Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company in Webb City.

"Area businesses are doing great things here, and this award is the result at their hard work," said Sen. Marvin Singleton IB-Seneca).

Aaron's Automotive remanufactures automotive components for Chrysler Corporation, Western Auto, and numerous independent distributors and is reporting new capital investment If \$1.2 million in machinery and facilities. The training project will provide up to \$34,790 to reimburse the business for classroom training of 135 current employees. Their average hourly wage will be \$3.35.

Lozier Corporation will be reimbursed up to \$21,213 for the classroom training of 40 current employees, whose average hourly wage will be \$11. The company, which manufactures store fixtures and clothes racks for retail stores, has invested \$250,000 in new equipment.

Jasper Popcorn Company, in business since 1983, processes and packages popcorn for hundreds in customers worldwide. The company in expanding a facility in Jasper and creating MI new jobs. The company also reports new capital investment of \$500,000 in equipment and facility.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$29,882 in job traming hinds for the Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company.

Cardinal Scale, which has been operating since 1950, manufactures electronic, beam, and industrial scales.

This funding will reimburse the company for the classroom training for 120 current employces, Singleton said. The training project will be operated by Crowder College, and the average wage of these trainees will be \$8.25 an hour."

According to Marada McClintock, counselor at CCTech, the process of receiving the job training at Crowder involves filling out grants.

The businesses must first ill out a grant application, and II they are granted, workers sign up through Crowder in receive the job training," she said.

These grants will increase employee safety, efficiency, and effectiveness in the workplace," Singleton said.

### period. Hear a Hand association

sponsors 'deaf fest picnic'

The Hear a Hand Association I will sponsor a "deal fest picnic" from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday at Ewert Park.

Fried chicken, soda, and ice will be provided. Participants may bring covered dishes and lawn chairs. Prizes will be awarded for jokes, embarrassing stories, and best food.

#### St. John's Medical Center sponsors immunizations

tree immunization and health A screening will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 27 # St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joelin. Offered through Operation Community Health the clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents getting immunizations for their children should bring the child's current immunization records.

Screenings offered include cholesterol blood pressure, and blood sugar checks. A foor screening will also be offered in a local podia-

Operation Community Health is sponsored the Mercy Regional Health Foundation and St. John's Regional Medial Center, Missouri Nurses Associations, Joplin's business community, and Joplin Emergency Medical Services.

For more information, persons may contact St. John's public relations department at (417)625-

A LITERATURE

### lagazine showcases writers

### rtable Plateau' offers ative outlet for artists

DA WHITED WRITER

ick up a piece of the Ozarks and read it. Finish one article of The Portable Plateau and discover the stories that ch 📰 Ozark mosaic on the brain.

elieve it's realistic to imagine the making a major impact on the direc-American literature. After reading the perhaps that is a sentiment you will , said Mike Hoerman, 29-year-old le Plateau editor.

topics satisfy appetites the reader does en know, yet

live writings range from deceased s' works to a lover's longings, then to a s enduring laments.

Homer, a Missouri Southern adjunct h instructor, assisted in deciding the

a forum for writers in this region," r explained. "We want the reading

to know that we have a rich variety

of writers in the four states."

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English at Southern, has published work in the Plateau. Mark Sweet, former Winged Lion editor and Southern student, represents student talent.

Anyone interested in creative writing can submit poems or essays, Horner says.

Writers must be from the Ozarks or have some familial connection. Simply visiting the Ozarks entitles a submission.

Hoerman hatched the periodical idea in 1993 and had numerous collected readings But the paper was scrapped last year. Hoerman's car was hit broadside by a drunk driver in Austin, Texas. He was presenting an award at the Austin International Poetry

Contest. The accident almost seized his life but not his spark to publish the Plateau.

The first issue was distributed nearly a year later.

"As a result of the accident, I was disabled for several months. We produced an even better work. I am pleased about that," Hoerman said.

Plateau's primary funding comes from a state grant



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Portable Plateau magazine editor and publisher Mike Hoerman, Joplin, spends time with Ryan Smith, Joplin, discussing the latest issue of the Ozarks literary publication.

In addition, the Missouri Arts Council, Spiva Center for the Arts, and a personal donation from Roger Asay provided financial backing.

Copies if the Portable Plateau magazine are available at Hearnes Hall, third floor, or Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 W. Third SLO

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CAMPUS LEGISLATURE

### Senate kicks off year with picnic



AARON DESLATTE/The Chan

Senior Senator Grant Miller (left), chats with Parliamentarian Jason Talley.

Student Senate wants attendance prioritized

BY AARON DESLATTE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ttendance and interaction were the emphasis of the first Student Senate meeting Wednesday, although neither pose an immediate problem, said Doug Carnahan, deam of students and Senate adviser.

The Biology Pond played host in the student body representative picnic. which also served as an icebreaker for new and returning senators. If the first meeting is any indication of future expectations, Carnahan believes a will be "a big year."

The officers are as excited as any we've ever had, as far as getting organized and planning an agenda for the year," he said.

The whole purpose of tonight was

Senate is, what their responsibilities are, and what their expectations are."

Freshman senator Brent Thompson says the picnic served its primary purpose iff "breaking the ice" between the new representatives. He also dismissed any notion that Missouri Southern's first all-female Senate executive committee was not "up to the job" of presiding over the Senate.

"Everybody seems really friendly," he said. I think the officers seemed very organized I was impressed."

Senate parliamentarian Jason Talley believes the fusion of new and returning senators might initially slow the legislative process, but will eventually benefit the Senate.

"[Meetings] will probably be a little different then in years past," he said. You may see a little more debate among senators, which is good It establishes precedence."

For the time being, Camahan says the focus of Senate meetings will be to increase cohesion between new and for the senators in find out what the returning senators as well as encourage attendance, which he admits has been a problem.

"In the last couple of years, Senate officers have really made an effort to make the meetings less then an hour, and that has really helped our (senatorl attendance," he said. "The quicker they get to know one another, the smoother the meetings will run."

Senators are allowed three absences from Senate meetings before they are contacted by the Senate executive board.

After a senator's fourth absence, Inor she is dismissed from the Student Senate.

"[Attendance] is just a rule that needs to be enforced," said Jill Bever, Student Senate treasurer.

Student Senate President, Eden Aber says while attendance was not a problem last year, rigid enforcement of the policy is necessary for the Senate to

"We want the people who are here to know that they are here as a privilege."

### SHELTERS: Gone from O

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Schmidt said. "I don't think anyone in the government thought at the time that if [nuclear war] happene would survive, but no one in the government was in

Schmidt says this advertising became obsolete as learned more about the realities of nuclear war.

"In the 60s, people lived in fear of imminent a believed they could survive in a bomb shelter," he sa 70s, people realized that if an attack came, huddling Hearnes Hall wasn't going to help you."

Beeler, who saw many fallout shelters first-hand sentiment

"I don't know what the reasoning was in putting the

"Maybe they thought it was better then being out in Although Beeler authorized the removal of the signs from public display, he hopes the significance of

War won't be so easily overlooked. "It's important to remember what it was like to live fear in the pit of your stomach," he said. "I don't war dren or grandchildren in have in go through that again For this reason, Schmidt has acquired one of the s used as a teaching aid in his classes.

Another will be displayed at a location in the physic be decided upon a later date.

"It's a sign that symbolizes a portion of an entire country's history," Schmidt said. "No one should live hundreds of millions did during the Cold War." O

### MISSION: Southern, SMSU, Western all starting final year of CBHE's mission enhancement program funding came

From Page 1

.. to the legislature are still skeptical," Leon said. "Many of them view the mission enhancement as a gimmick to give colleges money."

Some legislators were skeptical about bringing an international emphasis to a small college in the southwest comer of the state, Leon said.

However, Southern was not the only institution facing opposition in the legislature. SMSU also had to fight for its enhancement goal.

"Our emphasis was on public affairs," said Dr. Jim Baker, executive assistant to the president at SMSU. "and nobody knew what the hell that was."

SMSU's enhancement came in a two-part package. Baker said. The university added various graduate programs with the enhancement funds as well as focusing on telecommunications technology.

Baker said SMSU will receive about \$10 million in enhancement funding

There has been pent-up demand for graduate programs," he said. "A lot at it came about with Springfield being a rapidly growing area. These are

programs for working professionals."

able, and distinctive."

He said the enhancement funding came about much like Southern's had. There had been an idea but no way to implement it.

"This stuff fit right into the plan," Baker said "it my major task." flushed it out and gave us the resources."

Leon said the enhancement funds really fit into what the institutions are doing

"The word enhancement is truly being used here." he said. The international mission in unique, identifi-

Western's style of mission enhancement brought about less controversy than Southern's or SMSU's. Western's initiative called for the college working closer with incoming freshmen. The Access-Plus program was born, and a year later so was Western's "Freshman Year Experience" office. Staffed by three full-time employees and one part-time worker, the office's focus is to increase retention, graduation rates. and make the collegiate experience easier for newcomers.

"Certainly there's a real push for the freshman year," said Judy Grimes, director of the Freshman Year Experience. "It's just so stressful that first few weeks of school. It colors everything from then on."

function properly.

Grimes said there wasn't much to argue about with Western's program.

"I thought it was pretty smooth," she said. "This was

Last year. Phase II of the mission enhancement program began with three other campuses offering up their plans. Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Southeast Missouri State University III joined the program in

This year, the University of Missouri system and it four campuses will begin work to receive enhance-

"What's critical about this step in you have to have planning," said Dr. Steve Lehmkuhle, acting vice president of academic affairs for the University of Missouri system.

Lehmkuhle said the system has watched as the other institutions have lobbied before them and paid close attention to the pitfalls of the process.

"Everyone has kind of learned as we go through this process," he said.

Lehmkuhle recognizes a need for change.

"It is important that the missions of these be differentiated," he said. "By being differ one another we can all succeed."

Lehmkuhle gives credit to the CBHE for the colleges and universities to cooperate another for the betterment of the program said the UM system has come to realize it; everything under the sun to Ill of the stud system is becoming more focused, he said. Things are changing so rapidly that you

good at everything," he said. "It costs too mu The University of Missouri system with its

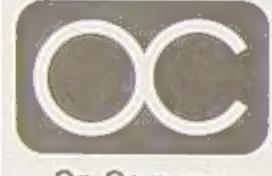
puses can claim nearly half of the the ection body in Missouri's public higher education This year alone, the system will ask for \$20 enhancement funding. Lehrnkuhle estimates the four years the total will be more than \$75

Leon said all the institutions have the same mind as Southern. The key to the program's he said, is students being able to benefit.

The big winners in this are going to be dents," he said. "Our results have been fants faculty and students who have talked with seems has doubled the interest."

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That's what I would be saying every day this week if I were still playing football for the Lions.

Some of you are probably

saying to yourself, "So, why

is he not

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Andre Smith Staff writer

trol (financial and personal) took place in my life, and for

the second time I had to halt my college football career. I cannot complain, though. God has given me so many

talents that I will use to the glory of Him. He has blessed me with the gift of writing. He has blessed me with musical talent and a good speaking voice.

That's probably why I have chosen my major - communications.

Anyway, I now assist Rick Rogers and Jake Griffin on Southern Sports Sunday doing analysis and commentary. I enjoy that job; in fact, I will most likely do it as a career some day.

But, that does not compare to being able to celebrate with some of your best friends and teammates after a touchdown. Or pull across the line of scrimmage and hit someone with full force (I played guard).

As I sat in the broadcast booth last Saturday and watched my teammates go through drills, I caught myself going through some of the motions that they did.

For example, when the team did quick cals (fast jumping jacks) I also did them. The only difference was that I was suspended high above the playing field in a broadcast booth ready to analyze the game and not actually experi-

ence it. It broke my heart to watch my roommate Jason Owen and good friend Jason Young come off the field in total excitement after a touchdown. Only because I knew that I would not be there to hug, high five, pat on the butt, and do all the other things manly football players do to help their buddies celebrate.

-All I could do was sit there with my hands raised above my head in admiration of the play.

I did, however, appreciate the point up to the booth that I received from my roommate Jason when the team scored on one of my favorite plays. I played the same position as Jason, and he knows how I feel. I appreciate his support and the support I received from the rest of the team and the coaches.

Il made me feel so much better to know that you guys understood my situation and that there were no hard feelings.

Just do me one favor -- (in the immortal words of me) -Kick the dookie out of the Bearcats.... Man! And let's keep the bandwagen running smoothly.

FOOTBALL



Lion linebacker Kendon Carter (44), reaches for a Northeastern (Okla.) University player in Saturday's game at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Carter is joined in his effort by Jarrett Cook (25), and several other members of the Missouri Southern defense. In the Lions first game of the season defeated the Redmen scoring 21 points in the fourt

### Lions come alive in fourth, win open

BY NICK PARKER MANAGING EDITOR

ith 21 fourth-quarter points, the Missouri Southern football Lions came away with a 24-16 victory in their season opener against Northeastern State (Okla.) University Saturday III Hughes Stadium.

The Redmen put up the first points with a 26-yard field goal. Southern came back to matched them when junior kicker Caleb Lewis put a 26-yard field goal of his own through the uprights. Another Northeastern field goal gave the Redmen a 6-3 lead at the half.

Southern appeared in trouble when

Northeastern scored on a 5-yard pass play in the third quarter for a 13-3 advantage.

The first of Southern's three fourth-quarter scores came off a 1-yard run from senior running back Justin Taylor, Taylor followed with a run for the 2-point conversion.

Two minutes later junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen connected on a 25-yard pass with sophomore receiver Bobby Campbell

The Lions secured the win with a 4-yard scoring run from senior running back Wallace Clay.

A Northeastern fumble in Lion territory in the fourth quarter gave Southern the opportunity it was looking for.

"We were waiting for a big break, something we could take advantage of and turn

the momentum," head coach Jon Lantz said. That fumble by Northeastern was the big break. We took over the momentum and didn't let go."

some late changes to their game plans in the week prior to the contest when 11 players were suspended for an on-campus incident.

"All of the coaches did a tremendous job," Lantz said. "To go for three weeks and then in one night change everything shows me they are doing their jobs well."

Six of the 11 players suspended were slated to start in the opener against Northeastern.

"It was a tough home opener for us," Lantz said. "I think we grew a lot; we turned a small corner. It makes a small statement for

our system. We had some guys n

up for us." Southern heads to Maryville for game Saturday against No Lantz and his coaches were forced to make Missouri State University. No already 2-0 and ranked sixth in the Division II poll, shared last season title with Pittsburg State Universit Southern returns home Sept. 2 PSU, No. 3 in this week's national

the annual Miner's Bowl. "We play two top III teams weeks," Lantz said

"We have our work cut out for this is fun. I do this because it (the tition) is fun. That is something team) have talked about." []

### Highly ranked Lions squad gets first loss

STAFF WRITER

SOCCER

hen you are a ranked team in college sports, everybody wants to knock you off. That is a battle the Missouri Southern soccer Lions have faced

Last week, the Lions were ranked 18th nationally and GT in the Midwest Region.

\*Being ranked means that teams will play us harder, and with them playing hard against us will force us to play harder," said Jim Cook, head coach:

Even with the high expectations, the Lions are not losing track of their main goal.

"Our goal is to win conference; it doesn't matter if we are ranked or not." Cook said.

Southern fell from the unbeaten ranks Wednesday with a 3-0 loss at Bartlesville Wesleyan.

This brings the squad's record to 3 1-1, and Bartlesville improved to 4-1.

"They always play hard and don't win big or lose big," Cook said. 'They're very well-coached and they move the ball well."

One of the main problems the Lions have had this year is being outplayed early in the game.

"We need to come out strong in the first and play hard," Cook said. "One of our problems has been a tendency to struggle early."

So far this season Cook in satisfied with his team's play

"We've done what we had to do and played real hard," his said.

There also have been some pleasant surprises for the Lions this year.

The play of a couple of freshmen has surprised me, but this is a good group of guys who blend in well together," Cook said.

Unlike teams of the past, the Lions' depth is well-noticed.

"We can use six to eight different combinations and receive the same results," Cook said "At certain positions we can go as deep as two or three players."

Southern entertains the University ■ Missouri-Rolla at 2 p.m. Sunday. □

Our goal is to win conference; it doesn't matter if we are ranked or not.

> Jim Cook Head soccer coach



#### LISTEN UP...



DEBORAH SOLOMONTH

Head softball coach Pat Lipira talks with junior transfer student Christy Briley at third base du Missouri Southern fall softball game against Crowder College on September 17 M Kungle

CROSS COUNTRY-

### Runners gain valuable experience at Kansas rac

### Tough early meet provides challenge, experience for Lion, Lady Lion squads

BY GINNY DUMOND ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ainy weather and a tricky course awaited the Missouri Southern cross Country squads as they traveled to Kansas University Saturday

"It was a very challenging course, but it was a test we needed early in the year," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach. This is the first time we've run a 5K this

year, so it was good for us." "The challenging course in this time of the year was tough on us, but it also made us

aware if the work we still have ahead of us." she said. "We've got some room in improve, and we're still learning a lot about ourselves."

Junior standouts Sonia Blacketer and Amanda Harrison had good days along with teammate Jessica Zeitler, according to Vavra.

"Sonia Blacketer had an outstanding race," she said.

"She was surrounded by all Division I athletes and was the first Division II athlete to finish."

Saturday marks the date of the annual Missouri Southern Stampede, which always brings with it tough competition.

That's always one of our big meets for the season, being our biggest home meet," Vavra said. "There should be some pretty good, challenging competition.

"Of course, running in front of your home crowd and running on your home course, that's just an extra incentive within itself."

On the men's side, coach Tom Rutledge had more than the wet weather to think about en route to the KU meet.

"We had a flat on the way up and only about 30 minutes to warm up," he said. "It's good to have to go through some of this at times, because you never can tell what li going to happen and it makes them physically and mentally tougher."

Despite the setback, the Lions continued to get a good performance from senior Jon Wilks.

"Wilks had a very good race; he was the top MIAA finisher, and he finished 24th; but you're running against Michigan and the Kenyans from Butler County who are very tough and naturally all those Division 1

schools," Rutledge said. "We finished ond out of MIAA schools and 10th of overall."

With the stress of the shortened wa combined with the big school compo Rutledge said some runners compe

for the younger ones. "Dusty Franks was our No. I runned he should be our No. 4 or 5, but some younger pups didn't adapt as well." he Rutledge also thinks the Stampedt !

a challenge. This weekend will be a test Well close to 20 teams coming up incl Arkansas, and they're better Michigan," he said.

The Lady Lions will run at 3. Saturday, followed by the men at 945 more than in high school squads and

pete.

VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Lions win places them atop conference



DEBORAH SOLOMONThe Charl

eshman standout Amber Coilins sets up a pass during the Lady Lions me match against the Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats.

BY ANDRE SMITH STAFF WRITER

ictories over Truman State and Southwest Baptist University boosted the Missouri Southern volleyball team's record to 4-3 (2-0 MIAA) and began a busy eight days on the right foot.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions won the conference opener 15-12, 2-15, 15-11, 12-15, and 15-11 Truman State. The win in Kirksville ended a three-game losing skid and placed the Lady Lions atop the MIAA standings.

This is a good conference win," coach Debbie Traywick said. 'We needed confidence, and this will help us along the way."

Stephanie Gockley led the Lady Lions with 15 kills and 37 digs. Kristen Harris added five blocks and 13 kills, and Amber Collins had 45 assists and five service aces.

"We were very excited about the win," Gockley said. "We were aggressive, we were swinging at everything, and we reached our level of play. Everything else just fell into place."

Truman State held its own, winning games two formance."

and four, but lost the decisive fifth game.

"Missouri Southern is a really strong team," said Becky Eggering, Truman State head coach. "We look forward a rematch."

Southern will have had several contests before the October 24 rematch, including tonight's match versus Washburn and the Saturday Sept. 20 match-up against Emporia State.

"This is a really big week for us," Traywick said. "It is good that our three games are at home. These teams have excellent programs, and we will be tested."

The Lady Lions continued their winning ways Wednesday in Young Gymnasium with a 15-4, 15-11, and 15-6 victory over Southwest Baptist University.

Harris had 10 kills and two blocks for the Lady Lions. Sara Winkler and in digs with nine, and Gockley added nine kills and eight digs. Collins led Southern with 22 assists.

"I thought we passed the ball very well," Traywick said. "At times we struggled, but came through it. Amber Collins is doing a great job as setter. I could not be more pleased with her per-

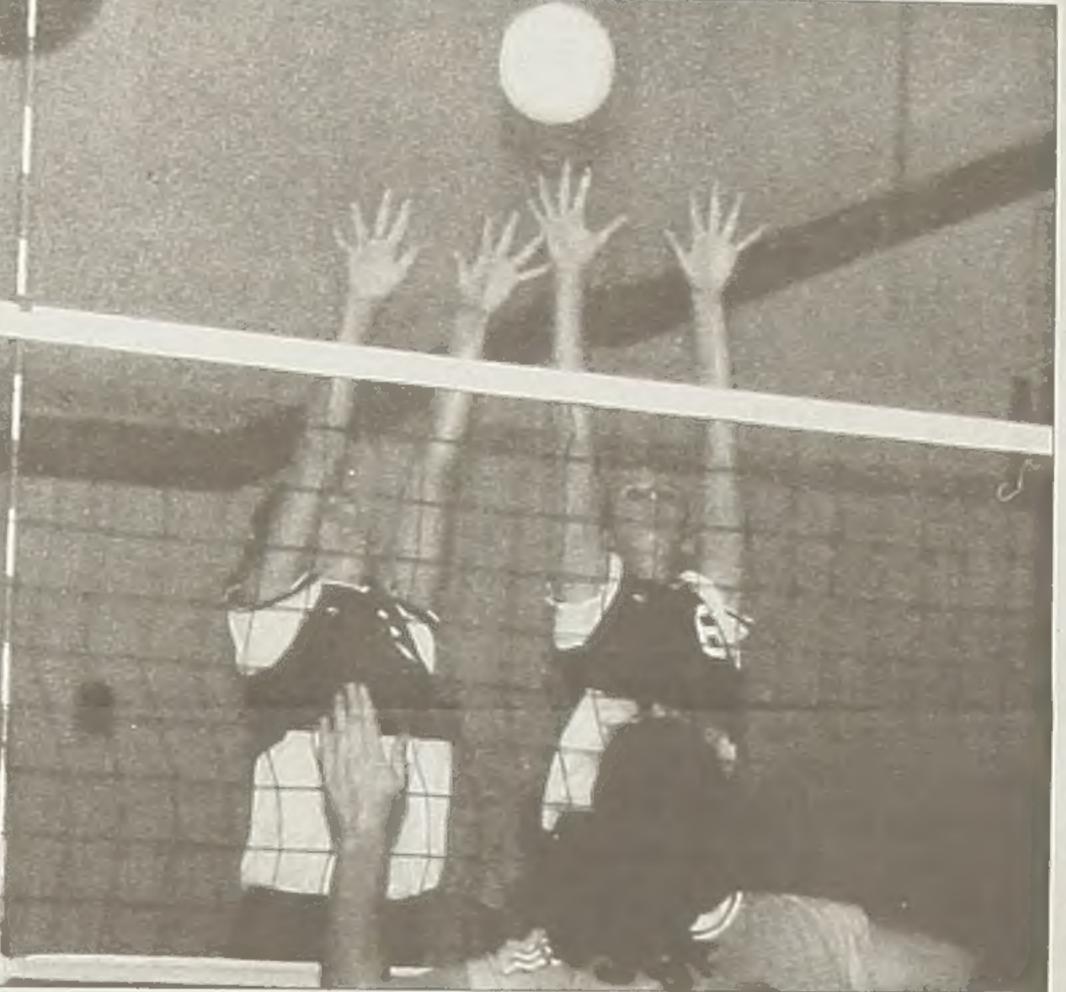
We were aggressive, we were swinging at everything, and we

reached our level of play. Everything else just fell into place.

> Debbie Traywick Head volleyball coach

Traywick said Saturday night's victory was a lift for the team.

"After beating a team like Truman at home, it was big to get a win," Traywick said. "We did not come back flat, and that is very important."



Sophomore outside hitter Meredith Hyde (left) and Senior middle hitter Kristen Hamis go up for a block against a Southwest Baptist University player during the first game of Wednesday night's match-up. The Lady Lions swept the match. against the Lady Bearcats. DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Charl

### scoreboard

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Lions 24

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5. Naeve, John, Fr., TSU- 33.0

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2. Risner, Brandon, Sr., UMR-5/8

3. Meyer, Shane, Jr., CMSU-3/3

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2. Spencer, Charles, Fr., MWSC-38.0

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### Volleyball



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2. Missouri Southern	1-0, 3-3
3. Emporia State	1-0, 4-6
4. Truman State	2-1, 7-5
5. Pittsburg State	1-1, 4-1
6. Central Missouri	0-0, 9-2
7. Missouri Western	0-1, 6-

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Women: Sonia Blacketer, MSSC

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Volleyball Lady Lions play host to Washburn Iniversity, 7 p.m.

### Saturday

- Football Lions at Northwest Missouri, 1:30 p.m.
- Volleyball Lady Lions vs. Emporia State University, 11 a.m.
- Cross country plays host to Jocks Nitch/ Mo. Southern Stampede

### Sunday

 Soccer Lions vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, 2 p.m.

### Tuesday

■ Soccer Lions at Southwest Baptist University, 4:30 p.m.

### Next Week

### Saturday

Volleyball Lady Lions at Central Missouri State University, 11 a.m.

Football Lions vs. Pittsburg state University, 7 p.m.

Soccer Lions vs. University of Central Arkansas, 3 p.m.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Photos by TERESA BLAND/The Chart David Tyner, straight dancer, dances during the Wyandotte pow wow held during Sept. 5-7, for tribes in Wyandotte, Okla.



### Tribes look to revive spirit of pow wow

Native American festivals compared with holidays, feasts with family, friends

CO-DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

ative American pow wows have become famous for the rainbows of color and variety of dance.

Even though the regalia and dances have changed since their beginnings, it is still an exciting event. Pow wow is a time to renew thoughts of the old ways; to preserve a rich heritage.

It is compared to the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time to be with family and friends, to feast, and to count many blessings.

There are several stories on how pow wow began, It is said that the word "pow wow" is a derivation of the Algonquin word "he dreams," suggesting a spiritual or religious ceremony.

Some say it was to celebrate the arrival of Spring; the seasonal renewal of life.

During the 1800s, many tribes were removed from their original home-

lands by people who didn't understand the Indian way and there was longer a cause for celebration.

It was at the end of World War I that a revival of Native American and spirit took place.

Thousands of Native American men had volunteered for the military members of rival tribes fought side by side to defend the United State Indians remained intensely loyal to their native tribal roots, but, after ing combat, the modern warriors became honored military veterans

The warriors joined together under a united drum beat. That is wh heart of the pow wow celebration is the drum.

Inclian culture revolves around the drum, and, though it may be it? wooden shell covered in rawhide, it is more than a musical instrume those who own and play it. The drum is regarded as having a life of own; it connects everyone with the Spirit and brings them back into ance,

It is said that the drum brings the heart beat of Earth Mother to the wow for all to hear and to feel. When you feel it in your heart, you an ing the powerful medicine of thunder.

Today, Native American pride swells anew. Now, a new generation comes together to share and rediscover its heritage.





weekend dance.

William Tarrant, traditional dancer, wears a traditional

Native American costume to the pow wow. During the 1800s, many tribes were forced to leave their lands.



LEFT: Ralph Haymond Jr., straig dancer performs during a night pow wow session. BELOW: Josia King, traditional dancer, looks to who is watching while he dances evening.

